

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 24, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. on prescription drugs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2001, to conduct an oversight hearing on the FHA Multifamily Housing Mortgage Insurance Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, RESTRUCTURING, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 24, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing to examine "Who Cares for the Caregivers?: The Role of Health Insurance in Promoting Quality Care for Seniors, Children and Individuals with Disabilities."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2299

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, earlier today I indicated that we had hoped we could continue to make progress on the Transportation appropriations bill, with some expectation of completing our work in the next day or so. That effort has not been as successful as I had hoped we could make it. For the last several hours, as our colleagues know, we have been attempting to negotiate language on the Mexican trucking issue. Our Republican colleagues are in many cases opposed to the language that is currently in the bill. It remains a very contentious issue.

I also suggested this afternoon that this is a matter that will continue to be the subject of ongoing negotiations and that I would be filing cloture tonight. The minority leader has indicated that we would not be required to file cloture tonight, even though I want to have the vote on cloture on Thursday. So we will ask unanimous consent that when we file cloture tomorrow, if it is required, that the vote still occur on Thursday. It is my understanding that we are now in a position to agree to that unanimous consent request.

I will not be filing cloture tonight. My hope is that tonight the negotia-

tions can continue and that tomorrow we will have additional opportunities to see if we can find some way to resolve the matter.

I ask unanimous consent that should I file cloture on the Murray substitute and the bill tomorrow, the cloture vote occur on Thursday, as provided under rule XXII, with the mandatory quorum being waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BOXER). Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I remind Senators, if cloture is filed, all first-degree amendments must be filed by 1 p.m. on Thursday. I would like to announce as well that the negotiations throughout the day will necessitate that Senators who may have amendments that may fall under cloture offer them in the morning.

As I understand it, Senator MURRAY has been working with a number of our colleagues. They are planning to offer amendments tomorrow morning. There will be a number of amendments offered with rollcalls to accompany the debate. We expect rollcall votes tomorrow morning.

It is also my expectation, if those negotiations are ongoing, that we would take advantage of the time available to us.

I have been discussing with Senator LOTT the possibility of taking up the Iran Sanctions Act under a time limit that would be offered tomorrow sometime during the day. We anticipate spending a relatively short period of time thereon. I don't want to spend the entire day debating the issue, but it is a matter that has to be resolved prior to the time we leave recess as well. I would hope that we could take it up.

I understand there may be one amendment that we may want to consider. But that also is an issue that will be addressed tomorrow, if we cannot resolve the Mexican trucking matter in an expeditious manner.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, the other matter I would like to consider as well is the matter involving further consideration of nominations. There are a couple of nominations that we can turn to tomorrow that will involve some time.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent, as in executive session, that the majority leader, after consultation with the Republican leader, may turn to the consideration of Wade Horn to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support at the Department of Health and Human Services and that he be considered under the following time limitation: 2 hours under the control of Senator WELLSTONE; 60 minutes under the control of Senator BAUCUS and Senator GRASSLEY; that when all time is used or yielded back, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the

table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

I further ask unanimous consent that upon the disposition of the Horn nomination, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 252, the nomination of Hector Barreto to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration and that there be 30 minutes for debate on the nomination equally divided between Senators KERRY and BOND, or their designees, and that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that any statements on either of these two nominations be printed in the RECORD at the appropriate place, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, just to recap what we have agreed to, we will take up a number of amendments tomorrow morning relating directly to the Transportation appropriations bill. There will be votes on those amendments.

We will anticipate that ongoing negotiations will bring us to some conclusion about the need to file cloture tomorrow. If cloture is filed, the cloture vote will then occur on Thursday. If there is time to be allotted to other issues, the other issues will include the Iran Sanctions Act as well as the two nominations, Horn and Barreto.

We will have a number of rollcall votes tomorrow. Hopefully, we can continue to see real progress made on the Transportation appropriations bill.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CALLING FOR UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF LI SHAOMIN AND ALL OTHER AMERICAN SCHOLARS OF CHINESE ANCESTRY

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 83, S. Res. 128.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 128) calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to immediately and unconditionally release Li Shaomin and all other American scholars of Chinese ancestry being held in detention, calling on the President of the